

## CIRCUS TICKET SCALPERS.

MEN WHO FOLLOW BIG SHOWS AND GET PRETTY WELL PAID FOR IT.

Their Business Viewed from a Circus Stand-point.—What the Scalpers Say About It.—What the Sheriff's Officers Saw in Reading.

**READING, Pa., May 8.**—"Ticket scalping on the road," said one of the attachés of the Barnum show, "is getting to be a nuisance. We do all we can to prevent it, but are not successful. At least a half dozen young men started out from New York with us, weeks ago, and have been following us. They hire boys to wrangle through the crush to the ticket wagon and buy tickets for fifty cents each, and the scalpers dispose of them for sixty and sixty-five cents each to persons anxious to get into the tent early and avoid the crush at the ticket wagon. To accommodate such people we have our own agents—men whom we have hired by the season, to sell tickets in various parts of the cities at a small advance. We do not compel people to buy of the agents; we simply give them a chance to avoid the crowds at a very small cost. These boys have been here from three to six weeks, often get as high as seven to eight cents, and in Baltimore they readily sell fifteen tickets for a dollar. We always write to the Mayors of the cities we visit advising them to grant no licenses to outside parties to sell tickets. We have never had any agent promised not to give the scalpers any license."

Half an hour later two well-dressed young men entered the hotel, and one of the attachés reported the business to the Mayor as follows: "The reason they ask you to grant no license is that they are engaged in the scalping business. They have twelve men regularly employed who sell 50 cent tickets for 60 cents and reserved seats for \$1. They also sell more money than they would if they opened the wagon themselves. They charge a 25 per cent premium. Send your officers to the ground to-day and see if they don't keep the ticket wagon closed until the tent is filled on 60 cent and \$1.00 tickets. The side shows have had a smash at the crowd."

The Mayor sent his officers to the circus grounds, and the scalpers were gone. One-half of these had purchased tickets at an advance from agents and scalpers. The other 5,000 were jammed about the entrance to the tent. The attaché said that a dozen agents were selling tickets at a premium of from ten to twenty-five cents. "You can buy tickets to the big tent outside our tent for 50 cents, and get them for 65 cents at a price."

Good dressers and apprentices to learn good dressers' work wanted. Address 238 East 24th st.

**GIRLS** under 17 to learn to trade, paid while learning steady employment. 104 South 5th av.

**GOOD FINISHERS** on custom pants. 120 Nor-folk st.

**HANDS** wanted to make overalls in and out of the suit. 120 Norfolk st.

**HANDS** wanted on ladies coats. 288 North 6th st., Brooklyn, E. D.

**LADIES** for hemstitching and fancy work; learners wanted; call all week. Basement door, 233½ 13th st., Brooklyn, E. D.

**MILLINER** and improvers wanted; first-class wares paid. Apply at 77 1/2 Av.

**OPERATIVES** in every branch of factory labor except printing, tailoring, and garment work, and those claiming to be charged with the Working Women's Protective Union, 38 Bleeker st.

**ON W. & W. machine**—operators and busters on linen goods. 7 R. T. TAUS 16, 10 Walker st.

**OPERATORS**, busters, pressmen on linen satin-cotton and other girls that understand the needs. 219 West 42d st.

**OPERATORS** and finishers on fine pants; good hands; steady work; pay Saturday, 90 Willett st., store.

**OPERATORS** and buttonhole makers on dark and white vests; steady work; girl to learn. 201 12th st.

**OPERATORS** wanted on channel shirts; call all week. 102 Lewis st.

**OPERATORS** wanted on flannel shirts; call all week. 203 Lewis st.

**OPERATORS** wanted on flannel shirts; call all week. K. LEWENTZIN.

**OPERATORS** on channel shirts; also finishers; linings, etc. 102 Lewis st.

**OPERATORS** and finishers on coats; 127 N. 5th st. Between 4th and 5th, ten floor.

**OPERATORS** wanted on ladies' coats; 224½ 5th st., Williamburgh, N. Y.

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